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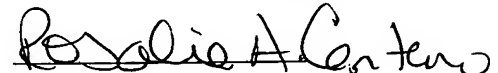
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For: DIRECTLY DRIVEN DRIVING AXLE WITH TRANSMISSION STAGE HAVING AN AXIALLY FIXED SUN PINION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified National Stage PCT application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.